

Organize County Tax Payers League

TO AFFILIATE WITH MICH. PUBLIC EXPENDITURES SURVEY

An organization was formed of a "Crawford County Taxpayers League", at a meeting held in the Court house Monday evening. Preliminary to that meeting, a get-together meeting had been held at Shoppagons Inn, at which time Royal A. Wright was informally elected temporary chairman.

Mr. Wright opened the meeting Monday evening and explained that Crawford county should get into line with other Michigan counties in the formation of a taxpayers group. Not, he said, with the idea of embarrassing any group or single member of any of our official governing bodies. Rather it was the hope that, with the backing of the organization, these official bodies could proceed with firmer confidence and inspired effort toward the lowering of costs of administration. In no way, he said, would any effort be made to harrangue or embarrass any public official.

Mr. Harry Carter, a representative of the Michigan Expenditures Survey, of Detroit, was present and explained how it was that taxes had grown by leaps and bounds and that they had become burdens and that it was high time that the taxpayers get together and form an organization that would work in their behalf.

He explained how the Michigan Public Expenditures Survey happened to be formed. Following the fine example set by the State of Nebraska and other states, where thru organization taxes had been reduced on a wholesale scale, it was deemed that Michigan taxpayers should arouse themselves for the protection of their own interests. Today, in every section of the state, taxpayers organizations are being formed. By this it is hoped that more careful check may be had on the administration of our governmental units.

The text of Mr. Carter's address is as follows:

Gentlemen:

It is rare pleasure to have the opportunity of discussing with you a few of the problems of government. Were this type of discussion possible abroad there would be no necessity for the present war. Here in the United States the right of free speech, free thought and free action is an inalienable right guaranteed under our form of government.

Our democracy is founded on the principal that the powers that we give to be governed, come from us, the citizens of this nation. When our country was

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Mrs. Geo. Burke Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Burke, wife of Mayor George Burke, passed away at her home at 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, following a lingering illness of several years duration. It was hard to believe that Mrs. Burke had passed on, when word went the rounds, as she had several times before gone through many severe illnesses, when her life often hung in the balance. She died at her home which had always been her wish, after having lapsed into unconsciousness during the night. She had been out and around only a few days previous.

Her remains lie in a peach satin-lined casket in the sunroom of her home where she was surrounded with flowers that she had loved so dearly during her life. Her garden, with its well kept lawn, shrubbery and flower beds, was always a picture to behold. This was a beautiful part of her home life.

St. Mary's church mourns the passing of Mrs. Burke as she was one of its most devoted members; she seemed to live for the church. When her health permitted she worked untiringly for its interests and she usually reached the goal she would strive for. To her goes the credit for many improvements that were made on both the church and rectory. She was instrumental in having the church raised and a hall built underneath it, for its beautiful interior decorations and other improvements. All of this was gained during the years that she served as president of St. Mary's Altar society, which office she was forced to give up owing to ill health. Mrs. Burke was also very charitable and many families in need were made happy through her benevolence.

Funeral services were held this morning at 10:00 o'clock with a requiem high mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. James Moloney. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Pallbearers were A. L. Roberts, Charles Moore, Henry Jordan, Fred Lamm, Carl Larson and Roy McEvers.

Stella B. Vellequette was born Feb. 19, 1869 in Oak Harbor, Ohio. Her girlhood was spent there and she was united in marriage to David Prescott. To this union a daughter Francis, and a son Harry, were born, the latter passing away in 1927. Mr. Prescott passed away, and in 1900, she was united in marriage to George Burke. They operated a hotel in Mancelona for several years until they moved to Fredric, where they also ran a hotel. It was during their residence in

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New Traffic Laws

From State Police Department

(Editor's Note: This is the third of the series of ten articles, prepared by the Michigan State Police, highlighting Michigan's new traffic law which becomes effective Sept. 29. Important changes have been made in customary driving habits. Greater safety—and fewer traffic arrests—will result from a close study of these articles.)

PEDESTRIANS

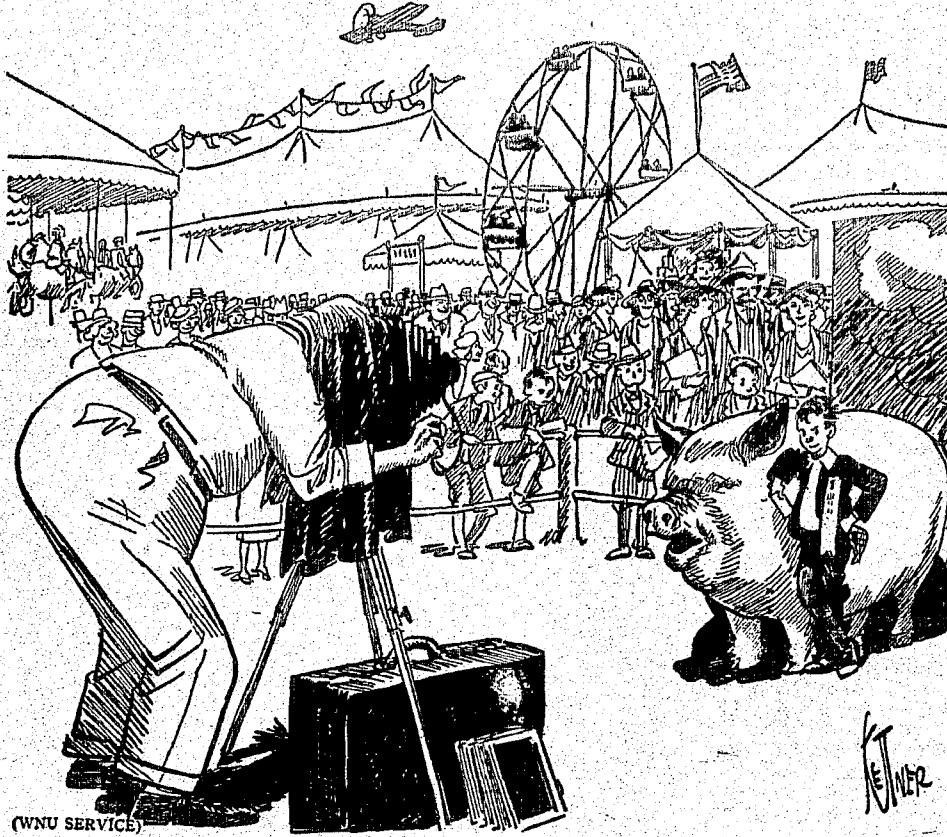
Michigan's new traffic regulations impose a definite responsibility on the pedestrian in its traffic safety provisions. The law governs his movement the same as it governs movement of vehicular traffic.

Pedestrians may cross a street or highway on the green light. If the yellow or amber light is showing they should not attempt to cross because there is insufficient time. They should not enter the intersection on the red light. However, if they do, they must not interfere with traffic.

If "walk" signals are in use, pedestrians should cross intersections on the "walk" signal. If a "wait" signal is in place, no pedestrian shall start across the street while such signal is showing.

It is especially important, the Michigan State Police point out, that pedestrians observe traffic signals so as not to interfere with vehicular traffic and to thus better insure their own safety.

The Thrill of a Lifetime



Name Candidates for C. of C. Directors

ELECTION TO BE HELD SEPT. 22ND

There was a good sized attendance at the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Court house Tuesday evening. This being the time for nominating members for the board of directors, the following candidates were selected:

Ernest Borchers
Dr. Stanley Stealy
George Stanley
Charles Michelchar
Dr. R. A. Van Vleck
Dan C. Babbitt
A. J. Nelson
Roy Trudgeon
Harold MacNeven
F. J. Mills
Amos Hunter
Dr. J. F. Cook
Glenn Penrod
G. L. Poor
Hans L. Peterson

Ballots containing the above names are being sent to each member, who will select eight names. The eight having the largest number of votes will make up the board of Directors.

The latter, at a later date, will elect from the board, the officers for the ensuing year.

The present officers of the Chamber of Commerce are as follows:

President—Harley Russell
Vice Pres.—Amos Hunter
Secretary—Farnham Matson
Treasurer—Alfred Hanson

MRS. CARL MICHELSON WAS HOSTESS

Mrs. Carl Michelson was hostess to eight ladies at a very lovely dinner at her summer home at Lake Margrethe Tuesday evening.

An old fashioned bouquet of bachelor buttons and sweet alium graced the center of the long table at which the ladies were seated, and demure ladies of the pantaloons age made the place cards a delightful feature of the party.

High scores for bridge were held by Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Mrs. Harry Connine, and Mrs. Esbern Hanson. Other guests included Mrs. Nellie Pratt of Detroit; Mrs. H. A. Bauman, Mrs. H. W. Wolff, Mrs. Oscar Hanson, and Mrs. O. P. Schumann.

Public Notice

TAXPAYERS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26TH

A public meeting will be held in the Court house Tuesday evening, September 26th for the purpose of organizing a Crawford County Taxpayers League. This is in the interest of taxpayers who feel that taxes should be lowered instead of increased, as they have been annually for many years past.

The meeting will be at 8:00 o'clock.

Please be present, and bring along a neighbor.

ROYAL A. WRIGHT,
Temporary Chairman.

Supt. Poor Talks About Ann Arbor

TELLS KIWANIS OF INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

The highlight of Wednesday's Kiwanis program was an informal talk by Supt. G. L. Poor, of Grayling schools, on some interesting things he found at Ann Arbor this summer. He has been a student there for several past summers.

Among the guests present at the luncheon were Judge Calkins and Ray McKinley of Gaylord, and Mr. Poultney of Bay City.

While Emil Gieglung won't become lieutenant governor of the 8th Kiwanis district before January 1st, he was welcomed with a "How Do You Do, etc., song, while he blushed like a school boy. Mr. Gieglung was elected at the state Kiwanis convention held in Charlevoix last week. He will govern the clubs of Gaylord, Grayling, Traverse City, Cadillac and Manistee, comprising the 8th district of Michigan.

Mr. Poor, who recently returned from summer school at the U. of M., has now completed his Master's degree. Congratulations were extended by the club. This represents many years of diligent study. He is not only a splendid superintendent, but he and Mrs. Poor are splendid citizens. The former is an interesting speaker and always offers a fund of information, and has a keen sense of humor.

He told of some of the interesting people he met at Ann Arbor, and of instances pertaining to them. He told of how Horace H. Rackham had contributed millions to the University, and of the Rackham building, that since his death, had been built as a memorial. This beautiful structure is one of the finest in the world.

The speaker said he almost regretted that he had finished his studies at the University, for he would miss these interesting and enlightening summers he has been having for the past several years.

A program for next week's meeting hasn't as yet been arranged. However the following week, September 27th, there will be a dinner dance at Shoppagons Inn. This will be at 6:30 p.m. There will be a good orchestra to furnish music for the dancing, which will immediately follow the banquet. The regular noon meeting for that day (September 27th) will be omitted.

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Treas. Instructed On Compiling Delinquent Tax List

The county treasurers and their deputies of 19 northern Michigan counties were in Grayling Tuesday afternoon to get information regarding the compilation of the delinquent tax lists for their respective counties. The meeting had been called by Auditor General Vernon J. Brown.

Out of 21 counties, representatives from 19 were in attendance. Mr. Brown having been detained in Lansing with other important business, was represented by G. E. Mallory, of "New Capital" when Pu Yi accepted the mandate of the 30,000,000 inhabitants of Manchukuo, and became her first emperor in the spring of 1932. However, I certainly didn't realize that the city of 90,000,000 people in 1930 had increased to the almost unbelievable population of 260,000. Nor did I realize the extent of city planning under way in this rapidly growing metropolis.

The city is divided into residential, business, industrial and special districts. Official permission is required for all construction and establishments within these districts. Several classes of streets have been laid out to accommodate various kinds of traffic. Parks relieve the congested areas. Bridal paths are provided along the main thoroughfares. Three classes of markets are to be established, one livestock, one central market, one retail market for every 3,000 inhabitants. The area for school is reserved now in appropriate districts with the far-sighted provision for growth in the coming years of several million population. Upon completion of the work carried out by the Capital Construction Bureau, Hsinking will present a gorgeous modern, foreign-style city, a virtual center of political economies and traffic activities in Manchukuo.

I have no figures for the money expended but I know the fine government buildings, schools, museums, public halls, botanical and zoological gardens I saw in driving about today must have cost millions. All new, all modern. I was simply dazed that all this construction could have been completed since 1932. The Emperor's palace has not been constructed because he insisted that other major plans for the capital city be put thru before any money or energy be spent upon his home. As the work on these projects developed he disclosed his desire that no tax money be used for development of his palace. So all work will be the voluntary service of his subjects. Hundreds come to give a week or a month of service. So far only the excavation has been accomplished. No machinery can be spared from the other projects. In fact, I have not seen a crane since I entered Manchukuo. All sand and gravel for construction anywhere is being done by men carrying poles over their shoulders with baskets suspended from the poles. These baskets hold about 10 quarts of sand each. In this heat, you wonder how the men hold out thru a ten-hour day. The men are proud to work for the development of their country. They seem to give every evidence of faith in the leadership, here in Manchukuo and in the ample assistance of

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH TO BE HOSTS

"Building the Church of Tomorrow" is the theme of the District No. II Convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, which will be held at the Grayling Lutheran church on September 22, 23 and 24.

The pastors, delegates and guests from the various congregations of the district are expected to arrive on Friday, Sept. 22. Miss Ingeborg Hanson is in charge of the registration and lodgings.

The Ladies Aids are preparing to serve dinner and supper to the guests on Saturday and Sunday at Danebod Hall. Mrs. Laura McLeod is chairman of the committee in charge of the meals.

The opening session of the convention will begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening. Rev. Svend Jorgenson of Detroit will speak on "Glimpses of a Growing Congregation."

The local congregation invites everyone to come and share the meetings with them.

GRAYLING DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:00 a.m.—English Services.

A short congregational meeting will be held immediately after services.

Confirmation class meets at 9 a.m. at the parsonage, Saturday.

P. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

MY TRIP TO JAPAN

6th of a series of articles by Matilda Bishop about her Goodwill Tour as a Guest of the Japanese Government.

Hsinking, Manchukuo
The Yamato Hotel
August 10, 1939

Dear Mr. Schumann:

Left Harbin on the "Asia," an air conditioned, olive green, streamlined train this morning and arrived here in Hsinking the capital of Manchukuo, a short time after lunch, a run of 150 miles thru the vast plain of north Manchuria, lying within the drainage of the Sungari River. Perfectly flat, endless region—corn and soy beans and millet as far as the eye can reach. Was thankful for an air-conditioned train for at station stops I stepped out into 100 degrees of summer shade. The heat struck you as a blast. I understand 18 below zero is good average winter weather. When the wind of winter sweeps down across the plain you can easily understand why every clay hut has a wall about it at least six feet high to wreck the force of the punishment of bitter cold.

I think this city of Hsinking would be a surprise to you (pronounced "Sinking"). I was aware, as you are, that this city was formerly called Changchun but was re-named "Hsinking," or "New Capital" when Pu Yi accepted the mandate of the 30,000,000 inhabitants of Manchukuo, and became her first emperor in the spring of 1932. However, I certainly didn't realize that the city of 90,000,000 people in 1930 had increased to the almost unbelievable population of 260,000. Nor did I realize the extent of city planning under way in this rapidly growing metropolis.

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We would like to point out that the South Manchurian Railway Co. has been entrusted to launch this experimentation effectively.

The Chinese "Incident" has forced the Railway Zone to assume scores of other undertakings such as the extension of management of ports and harbors and mines. This seemed to involve the spreading of such cultural institutions, as hotels, libraries, hospitals, research laboratories, medical colleges.

We would like to point out that the South Manchurian Railway was established during very largely the good offices offered by our own Theodore Roosevelt who facilitated the conclusion of the Treaty of Portsmouth. Following this treaty, the main arteries of this great railway system were patterned after American lines.

When time permits, I will try to write you more facts about many aspects of this development so greatly misunderstood, I believe, in the United States today.

I went out to Port Arthur a few days ago, where the Russians and Japs came to grips in 1905-6. Neither have forgotten the loss, the cost, nor the victory of that bloody struggle. One must know the background of that war to understand the present day fear of Communism on the part of the Japs. The United States was pro-Japanese in 1904, 5, 6—perhaps she may be so again, once the facts of this area are generally known.

Down in the old Russian trenches built in 1905, it was hard to realize that Japan of that day did not know the use of concrete in construction. I went far down underground where the Russian lads and Japs made tunnels to meet each other and fought yard by yard for 200 days. I recall distinctly the excitement in the lumber camp when the news of this battle came. I felt strangely ill to descend out of the August heat to the depths of cool passageways that had been the fierce Hell of other days, knowing as I do, that this struggle realized only a truce—the victory of that day brought only a peace too brief to mark—the real victory is still in balance—the tests not far away are being repeated with the same fierceness with the same terrific loss, with the same evangelical courage.

When time permits I shall tell you of this sacrifice and this present day courage. It is a wonderful experience to be so close to this "emergency" and yet so protected and detached.

A water shortage in this area. No water at hotels for any purpose except two hours per day. How grateful I was for a pint given me by a generous Russian woman today. Cordially,

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 1939

Increase In 1st Week School Enrollment

On Tuesday of the second week of school the total enrollment had reached 655, an increase of twenty over figures for the first day. The population of the school is distributed as follows:

South Side School	60
North Side Grades	295
Upper Six Grades	300
Total	655

Things are running full schedule at school, with the band rehearsals starting this week. Physical education and typing schedules are already set up. There remains only the serious business of working through the remaining thirty-six weeks of school.

Some changes in the schedule are noteworthy. A course in French is starting this year, and will alternate with Latin as the offering of the foreign language department. An advanced course is offered this year in Home Economics, making a third year available. This is also being done in Mathematics, while the Manual Arts department has grown to the point which makes another year of work in the shop necessary as an offering to high school students. These changes have been made to make the high school offer a more flexible program.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Services Next Sunday
10:00 a.m.—Bible School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
You will find a cordial welcome at all our meetings.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.



Will Rogers Said:

—that he asked one of his neighbor girls if she could marry a man that spent all he made? The girl replied: "No but I think I could love him as long as it lasted!" We're not egotistical when we tell you that we carry the very best in Building Materials; ask anyone who has done business with us, and we're willing to let them be the judge, the jury and the supreme court.

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**MRS. GEORGE BURKE
DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS**
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Frederic that automobiles came into existence and Mr. Burke became the agent for the Ford car in this county, which was in 1911. Grayling was the county seat and it was a better center for his agency so Mr. and Mrs. Burke moved here in 1916 and two years later Mr. Burke erected the building that houses the Ford Sales and Service. In her younger days Mrs. Burke enjoyed fishing and hunting in company with Mr. Burke, and deer hunting was great sport for them.

Mrs. Burke had hosts of friends in both Grayling and Frederic and in many other places who are grieved over that good lady's passing. She was very hospitable, generous and kind-hearted and her large circle of friends are going to miss her very much.

The Avalanche joins in extending sincere sympathy to Mayor Burke and other members of the family in their sad bereavement.

Surviving, besides the husband, is her daughter Mrs. Everett Huffmaster of St. Clair, Mich.

Grange Notes

Don't forget the Grange Picnic Saturday, September 16th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley (the Hay Loft). There will be a pot luck dinner at one o'clock. Everybody bring well filled lunch baskets, also knives and forks. The Grange will furnish coffee, cups and plates.

Sports and games will be enjoyed during the afternoon. Fun for everybody. And the dance at night is looked forward to by everybody as everyone always has a good time. Everybody is invited. Ladies 15c; Gentlemen 35c.

The local bake goods contest and fair that was held last Saturday was well attended. At this time we do not have the complete list of prize winners in the baking contest.

There was a good display of farm produce. The tallest corn was brought in by Mrs. Hjalmar Mortensen. There were sunflowers so tall that you wondered where the flower was. Big cucumbers, beets, carrots, and everything you might expect to see at the big fairs. It was worth coming to see; also there were some very pretty articles in the fancy work booth, both new and old. There was a large line of baked goods which went in a hurry. In all, it was a success and the members are satisfied with the results.

Ladies Golf Club

Another fine pot-luck luncheon for the Ladies Auxiliary was served Wednesday.

The final business session for the season was held, with final reports being given.

The second of a series of bridge games was played with high scores being held by Mrs. Harry Connine and Mrs. Roy Trudgeon. Next Wednesday, September 20, the bridge tournament will be in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

WANTS LAND WITH LAKE FRONTAGE

A card received this morning says:

124 Mason Hall
E. Lansing, Mich.
Sept. 13, 1939

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly rush me information on resort property with lake frontage which you might have for sale or rent?

We would like the land to have one large lodge or several small ones, or both as it is to be used as a boys camp.

Respectfully,
William J. Tarrant, Jr.

Measure Wealth by Reindeer Owned
The Lapps of Norway, Sweden, and Finland measure their wealth by the number of reindeer they possess. In life the animal provides them with milk and transportation; after death its skin is made into clothing and its meat is a staple of the Lapp diet.

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FORMER GRAYLING WOMAN DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Word has been received by friends that Mrs. Charles Marvin of Pasco, Wash., was instantly killed in an auto accident on August 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin in company with her sister Mrs. Fred Sleight and husband of Seattle, Wash., were enroute to the San Francisco Exposition. Mrs. Marvin was driving the car and the accident happened near Waldport, Oregon, after she had passed a car ahead of her. Her car struck a soft shoulder and overturned, and she died instantly of a compound fracture of the skull. Her sister Mrs. Sleight was also injured while the other occupants escaped injury.

Mrs. Marvin, who will be remembered as Daisy Havens, was born in Grayling, April 20, 1882, and she was married to Mr. Marvin on October 18, 1906. Soon after their marriage they left for Pasco, Wash., where they have since resided. Those surviving the deceased besides her husband are one daughter, Mrs. Tiford Bruce, of Seattle and one son, Frank, of Tacoma, Wash., also her sisters Mrs. A. L. Trumley of Berkley, Calif., and Miss Fanny Havens and William E. Havens of Puyallup, Wash.

Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Marvin spent the summer in Grayling and enjoyed renewing old acquaintances once more. There are many here who remember this couple and will mourn Mrs. Marvin's death with much regret.

Fur Sale

One hundred thousand dollars worth of precious fur coats, scarfs, boleros, jackets, to go on sale Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15, and 16, at the Kraus Dry Goods store, brought to you by Nadel's Furs, manufacturing wholesalers and retailers. For 2 days only Kraus' Dry Goods store is proud to offer their facilities in order that the women of Grayling may buy furs at a bona fide savings of 50% in many cases, that you ladies may see and buy the fur fashions of the hour... styles direct from Fifth Avenue, New York. Regardless of how little you want to spend or how expensive a coat you have in mind, you'll find it here, at savings up to 50%—and that's a fact! Every coat GUARANTEED for value and quality as represented! You may buy famous Nadell's Fur with CONFIDENCE, for Nadell's has been MASTER FURRIERS for 32 YEARS!

World's Dogs Sprang From North American Ancestor

All the world's dogs sprang from an ancestor that made its home on the North American continent, according to Sigmau Boehm's "The Family Tree of the Dog," in the American Kennel Gazette. This ancestor was a small animal, about 20 inches in length, called the "Cyno-dictis." It roamed the great arid plains of western North America during the Oligocene period some 35,000,000 years ago. Boehm bases his article on the work at the University of California in Berkeley.

Considering that this continent furnished the first dogs, it is strange that out of the 109 breeds of purebred dogs recognized by the American Kennel club, only seven reached their present form in Canada, Mexico or the United States. These breeds are American foxhound, Boston terrier, Chesapeake Bay retriever, Chihuahua, Labrador retriever, Mexican hairless and Newfoundland.

The scientists have gone back even farther than the Cynodictis, and are studying the Miacois, a civet-like animal the size of a weasel, which lived 60,000,000 years ago. Of the work at the University of California, Boehm writes:

"It will be a surprise to many to learn that the continent of North America must be considered the ancestral home of the canine. Proof for this assertion is that the fossil record of the dog's development is especially complete and easily followed in North America. The Museum of Paleontology has a collection of fossils gathered all over the West and as far east as Texas and South Dakota. Five hundred skulls of the great Ice age world from the La Brea tar pits alone are represented there."

Stone of Destiny

The Stone of Destiny or Lia Fail of Ireland (the stone stone in Scotland) is the stone which forms part of the British coronation chair. Irish kings were once installed upon it, then it was removed to Scotland and Scottish kings used it for their coronation ceremonies. Edward I had it carried off to London in 1297.

The destiny or tradition attached to it is: "Wher'er this stone is placed, the fates decree, the Scottish race shall there the sovereigns be." There are legends without basis of fact, that this stone formed Jacob's pillow at Bethel, also that it was St. Columba's pillow on the island of Iona. It is actually a block of red sandstone, 28 inches long, 17 inches wide and 10 1/4 inches thick.

Diesel, Engine Inventor, Without Funds at Death

Dr. Rudolph Diesel was crossing the English channel on the night of September 29, 1913. He was going to London to attend a meeting of manufacturers, and to confer with the British admiralty, according to the Toronto Star Weekly.

It was ten o'clock when he said good-night to his friends and went to his stateroom. The next morning he did not appear. He was never seen again. His disappearance became an international sensation. When the war broke out there was a rumor that Diesel had been killed by the Germans to keep him from giving technical secrets to the British.

Rudolph Diesel was one of the greatest of inventors. His name has become a common noun; Diesel liners furrow the seven seas, Diesel trucks rumble along the highways, Diesel-powered planes cross-cross the skies, Diesel tractors plow our fields.

Behind the facade of Rudolph Diesel's confident manner, his big house in Munich, and his position of world renown, he was at the end of his rope. All his property was heavily mortgaged; he faced bankruptcy, to him an intolerable disgrace.

"If my friend Diesel had only said one word to me!" exclaimed Adolphus Busch, the St. Louis brewer. There were a dozen other men who would have helped him, but his stubborn pride forbade.

He had discussed methods of suicide with his son, Rudolph Jr., and the boy, never dreaming that his father was serious, said that he thought the best way was to jump off a fast-moving ship. When he left for England, his farewells were unaccountably affectionate.

Channel crossings are dismal affairs at best. He was alone after an evening of forced cheerfulness, and impending disaster loomed before him with double force. He went back on deck, and before him lay the dark, oblivious sea.

Over a week later, a Dutch boat pulled a body aboard. It was battered beyond recognition, and after removing the contents of the pockets, they dropped it overboard. Later a coin purse, a pocketknife, and a spectacle case were identified as Dr. Diesel's.

Weight Is Basic Factor In Methods of Control

One of the marked trends in present-day industry is toward the use of weight as a means not only of checking quantity and quality but of actually controlling processes of manufacture. There is an excellent mechanical reason for using weight as a means of control whenever possible, writes Roger William Riis in "The Scientific American." Weight is gravity in action; gravity is the one unchanging force known in the world. Every other force, every other source of power, changes and shifts. The force exerted by gravity on any object may conveniently be indicated with great accuracy. Hence gravity makes an ideal measuring medium.

The principle of automatic weighing is applied today in industry to check quantity, to package and fill, to ascertain breakage, yardage and moisture content, to count small parts, to check quality, to direct, supervise and check mixing and batching. These functions fall into three general groups. The simplest includes such jobs as checking quantity and ascertaining breakage, yardage and moisture content. The next is automatic packaging and filling. The most advanced is the automatic control and supervision of batching and mixing.

Flag Display

The American flag should be displayed during the business hours of all working days. As soon after sunrise as it is practicable, the flag should be hoisted and so displayed that the union is at the peak of the staff. At sunset it should be lowered and carefully stored. In addition, it should also be displayed on the following holidays: New Year's day, George Washington's birthday, Pan-American day (April 14), Mother's day (second Sunday in May), Memorial day, Flag day, Independence day (July 4), Labor day, Columbus day (October 12), Armistice day (November 11), Thanksgiving day and Christmas day.

Valuable Art Gift

The Rodin museum is in Philadelphia. It was planned as a gift to the city by the late Jules E. Mastbaum, who made the collection prior to his death. Many originals and more than 200 recasts of Rodin's sculptures are placed in and about the grounds. The exhibits include some 500 of Rodin's letters, together with many paintings, drawings, and studies from his hand. The collection is administered by the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Big Island
Jamaica is third in size of the many islands comprising the West Indies. Its area is 4,450 square miles—about the size of Connecticut. Its greatest length is 144 miles and its width 49 miles. Jamaica is 90 miles from Cuba, 550 miles from the Panama canal and 1,457 miles from New York city. Jamaica and its dependencies have more than a third of the area and nearly half of the population of the British West Indies.

Personals

Mrs. Frank Sales is spending this week in Chicago on business.

Miss Elaine McDonnell spent the first of the week in Detroit.

Mrs. Ed Moore returned Wednesday from a several days visit in Toledo.

Miss Evelyn Skingley of Detroit spent the week end visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower left Sunday for a two week's visit in Detroit.

Glenn F. Penrod returned Monday evening from Detroit where he had been several days on business.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson has returned to Detroit after having spent the summer at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Herrick and daughter Dianne, and Mrs. Carl Nielson drove to Bay City Wednesday.

Miss Frances Mickelson and Miss Connie McMillan of Lansing were week end guests of Mrs. Carl Michelson.

Mrs. Emma F. Hill of Kalama-zoo is spending a couple of weeks visiting her son, William Hill and family, at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Riley, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. James Riley, of Owosso, were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Weite.

Mrs. Algot Johnson spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Saginaw visiting her son Sigurd, and family, and attending the Fair.

Mr. Wilbur Stammle of Washington, D. C., and sister, Mrs. Robt. Stroup of Chelsea, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNamara, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fuller and children of Marshall spent the week end visiting Mrs. Fuller's mother, Mrs. Susie Magoun, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Ward and son Thomas of Berkley, Mich., are spending two weeks visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Penrod are enjoying a visit from the latter's mother Mrs. Mary Shields of Detroit. Mrs. Shields arrived Monday and will remain for a month.

Mrs. Louis Kesseler and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy are in Grand Rapids owing to the illness of the former's sister Mrs. Hugh Kelly, who underwent a major operation Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Perry, and Mrs. James Perry spent Monday visiting Hale, Mich. Mrs. William Ernest returned with them to spend this week as the guest of Mrs. James Perry.

Miss Martha Sorenson and two friends, Miss Pearl Covitch and Miss Pauline Branch of Port Huron were the guests of the former's aunt, Mrs. Waldemar Jensen, at "The Meadows" down the river, over the week end.

After vacationing for the summer at the summer home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wolff, Mrs. Halford Kittleman and daughter Kathryn Ann accompanied Mr. Kittleman to their home in Chicago, Monday.

Mrs. Fred Mutton returned to Detroit Sunday after spending the months of July and August, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shaw at Lake Margrethe. She accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scarlett and family who had spent the week end among friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jamieson and daughters Lois and Joyce, and Miss Virginia Anderson, of Cadillac; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Samuelson, son Wesley and daughter Eva Marie, and Frank Johnson of Muskegon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herluf Sorenson over Sunday.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 14, 1916

Mrs. Frank Pond and Miss Anna Peterson left Wednesday to spend a few days in Bay City.

Axel Jorgenson reports the capture of a pike at Portage Lake Thursday that measured 44 inches.

Will (Babe) Laurant had the misfortune to severely cut his right toe on a piece of glass while wading in the river.

Mrs. Herbert Wolf and children, Herbert L and Miss Marjorie, have closed their summer cottage at Portage Lake and returned Monday to Chicago.

Miss Elizabeth Sivars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Sivars, of this city, and Will Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham, of this city were united in marriage in Flint Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Adler Jorgenson drove to Detroit the forepart of the week in their Hup, and are taking in the State Fair.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh, Monday morning.

Elmer Brott is building a house for M. Maxson on Cedar street, near Lake street.

Mrs. Peter F. Jorgenson and daughter, Miss Ingrid, left Monday to visit friends in Bay City.

John Stephan Jr. had the misfortune to break a bone in his right arm when cranking a car Saturday. John is feeling disappointed because he will have to miss his hunting trip this year.

County Clerk John J. Niederer has a new Overland touring car, purchased of L. J. Kraus, the local agent.

Miss Margaret Burrows arrived here the forepart of the week to visit her mother, Mrs. Burrows, and also her brothers Arnold and Harvey Burrows. It is necessary for Miss Margaret to move around on crutches, as several weeks ago she was run down by an automobile at her home in Flint. No bones were broken but many were pulled out of joint.

Tuesday Thomas Belshack, the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Belshack, was drowned one of the Salling, Hanson Co.

camps, has been at the hospital the past week receiving treatments.

Lovells
(23 Years Ago)

Jessie Failing spent a few days of last week at her home in Grayling.

Mrs. Anna Mann of Frederic is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Boutell.

Ralph Routier of Detroit spent Monday with his grandmother, Mrs. George Owens. He was accompanied by Miss Helen Baumann of Grayling.

Mrs. Stillwagon accompanied her daughter Martha to West Branch Saturday. School started there this week where her daughter has attended the past two years.

City on Stilts

One of the most amazing industrial communities in the world is the Freeport Sulphur company's plant and model town at Port Sulphur, La. The plant, by the shore of Lake Grande Ecaille in the heart of the bayou country, is suspended in air on forest of 75-foot pillars planted in land so soggy that each pile sank of its own weight for about 45 feet before being driven.

The model town, including homes for workers, community house, hospital, school, lighted baseball diamond and tennis court, is built on filled-in land above the level of the surrounding swamps.

Paul Bunyan

In American lumber camp legend Paul Bunyan was the hero of a series of tall tales, current through the timber country from Michigan westward. He is said to have ruled his Gargantuan lumber camp between the winter of the blue snow and the spring that came up from China. His prized possession, Babe the blue ox, measured 42 axe handles and a plug of tobacco between the horns. The stories have been set down by James Stephens, Esther Shepard and others. In southern lumber camps a similar legendary figure is known as John Henry, and elsewhere as Tony Beaver.

Looking at the Wind

The weather bureau says that to see the wind, hold any flat, smooth surface having a straight edge (a straight-backed hacksaw is excellent for this purpose) against the wind, but inclined to the vertical; with the straight edge uppermost and leaning with the wind, then sight along this straight upper edge toward a white object. If the wind is moderately strong one will see it pouring over the straight edge like water over a dam. This phenomenon is owing to irregular densities in the air which in turn cause irregular refractions of the transmitted light.

J. F. Smith, superintendent of one of the Salling, Hanson Co.

Photo by Frank H. Shearer.

Michigan's Last Stand of Virgin White Pine



The lumberjacks' cry of "Timber!" or "Let daylight into the swamp!" was never heard at the Harwick Pines near Grayling. This 85 acre tract of towering pines was presented to the state by Mrs. Karen B. Hartwick as a memorial to her husband, Major Edward E. Hartwick, who died in France during the World War. The largest of these pines reaches a height of 150 feet and is 13 feet in circumference at the base.

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STATE NEWS BULLETIN

NO MORE SPECIAL PLATES

On and after March 1, 1940, all trick license plates will be taboo in Michigan. The familiar designations such as PDQ, BOO, I.O.U., and OUT 3, will be missing from the highways, Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, has decreed.

The 1940 automobile license plates will be uniform for every car no matter by whom owned. The 1940 license plates will have two letters and four numbers, the letters designating the county in which the plate is issued so that law enforcement officers can tell at a glance where the car is registered.

When Harry F. Kelly took office last January he found in existence an astonishing array or variety of confusing license plate numbers. Hundreds of requests for similar numbers were on file, but these were promptly denied. It was of course impossible for Mr. Kelly to recall the hundreds of "special" numbers which had been issued formerly.

"There will be no more of the confusion that resulted from the practice of issuing a huge variety of license plates which placed an almost insurmountable impediment in the way of police agencies in their effort to enforce the law and track down criminals," said Mr. Kelly.

Uniformity of 1940 license plates will make possible a key filing system from which information can be given speedily to officers concerning any car that is sought, a very important matter of police work.

The Secretary of State says that a saving of approximately \$50,000 will result in the discontinuance of special plates. The saving will be in the cost of the plates and in the administrative and accounting costs at Lansing.

Decision to abandon the practice of issuing this type of plate was reached after a conference was reached after a conference by Mr. Kelly with representatives of the Michigan Sheriffs Association, the Michigan State Police, and the Detroit Police.

Plans and specifications for the work may be obtained at the office of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, Consulting Engineers, 506 Wolverine Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan and inspected in the office of the City Manager. A deposit of \$20.00 will be required on each set of plans and specifications, all of which will be refunded upon their use in a bona fide proposal or upon their return in good condition within 5 days after the bidding date.

The right is reserved by the City of Grayling to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in any bid, in the interest of the City.

George A. Granger,
City Manager.

9-7-2

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Fergus B. Squire.

Notice is hereby given that 2 months from the 15th day of September, A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 15th day of November, A. D. 1939, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 20th day of November, A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated September 9, A. D. 1939.
Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

9-14-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 21st day of August A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John R. Oughton, deceased.

William E. Myers having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 18th day of September A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

8-24-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of John A. Schram, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that 4 months from the 12th day of September, A. D. 1939, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling in said county, on or before the 14th day of January, A. D. 1940 and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 15th day of January A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated September 12, A. D. 1939.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

9-14-4-Pd.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION—HUNTING—CERTAIN SECTIONS CRAWFORD COUNTY.

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of conditions in certain sections of Crawford County, recommends certain regulations.

Therefore, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from October 1, 1939, it shall be unlawful to take, trap, hunt, shoot, kill, or molest or attempt to take, trap, hunt, shoot, kill, or molest any wild animals or birds in the following described area:

T. 20 N., R. 4 W., entire Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 32, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33; all of Section 34 lying north of the fireline (refuge boundary); and N 1/4 of NE 1/4 and N 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 35, boundaries of which are posted as State Game Refuge.

Signed, sealed, and ordered published this 14th day of July, 1939.

P. J. Hoffmaster, Director,
Department of Conservation.

Conservation Commission by:
W. H. Loutit, Chairman.
Wayland Osgood, Secretary. 9-7-4

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 22nd day of August A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Maude M. Hanson, deceased.

Lucille Cliff having filed in said court her final administration account, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 18th day of September A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

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Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association

By GENE ALLEMAN

Editor's Note: What is the NYA doing in Michigan? The following news letter presents the facts in a non-partisan objective manner which we believe will be of interest to our readers.

Lansing—Near a picturesque, peaceful hamlet of Waterloo, midway between the cities of Jackson and Ann Arbor, Uncle Sam is conducting a novel educational experiment for Michigan youth.

It is rivalled in scope only by a similar undertaking at Passamaquoddy, Maine, where engineers once sought to harness ocean tides for hydro-electric industrial power.

Every county in Michigan is represented at Waterloo.

More so than any other project, it exemplifies the vast statewide program of the National Youth administration, known to most citizens as the NYA, and for which the United States treasury will pour into Michigan \$3,250,000 during the 1939-40 fiscal year.

Because this federal agency was the only one under Paul McNutt's wing at Washington to receive from Congress an increase in federal appropriations (WPA funds being cut, for example), we journeyed 47 miles from the state capital to Waterloo (M-92 between Chelsea and Stockbridge) to examine firsthand this unique venture into "new education."

How It Began

Three years ago the Ann Arbor Rotary club, inspired by Dr. Max Peet, a surgeon at the University of Michigan, made a survey of high school graduates. Many of them were found to be unemployed. Their parents could not afford the price of a college education.

A "learn as you work" camp was suggested.

The National Park Service had just started to convert a rugged lake-woods-and-farm area near Waterloo from unprofitable agriculture to public recreational use. Land was provided along Cassidy lake in Jackson county at \$1 a year.

The National Youth administration agreed to build and maintain the camp.

Thus came into being "Cassidy Lake Tech," a junior college-vocational training school for boys 18 to 21 years of age, situated a short distance from Chelsea and Stockbridge amid a beautiful setting of woodlands and small lakes.

Here come boys from every section of Michigan to work four hours each day, except Sunday, on productive projects for the National Park Service and also to engage in three hours each day in "work experiences" designed to fit them for a job.

Permanent buildings, country club style, were constructed.

Co-operative Living

The boys receive \$30 a month. The government then deducts from this amount the "cost" of what is called "co-operative living"—that is, the expense for food, heat, living, medical and dental services, and so on—estimated at \$20 a month. This leaves \$10 a month with which a boy may buy clothes, haircuts, luxuries, etc.

Under the direction of Orin W. Kaye, state youth administrator, the government is to provide work projects for 8,200 boys and girls. Here are some examples:

A 200-acre experimental farm at Balding where 62 boys live in cottages and receive supervised "work experience" in growing produce and livestock. Food that is not consumed at the farm is available for relief.

Dowagiac resident resort school for girls, training them for jobs at summer resorts. (In cooperation with public schools, hotels training courses were offered last spring at Ludington, Benton Harbor, Charlevoix, Traverse City, Manistique and Grand Haven.)

Resident camp at Ironwood for training in construction and landscape. A federal resettlement housing project is used for this program. Resident vocational camp at Cheboygan, utilizing a former music camp along the Straits. Boys are given "work experiences" in landscaping, woodshop and forestry.

At Michigan State College an old fraternity house is being used as a "cooperative" for 28 boys who study and work 10 weeks in completing an eight-week short course in agriculture.

Other resident work projects are at Houghton and Marshall. Elsewhere throughout the state are 47 work centers where boys go daily for supervised vocational training.

Program is Growing

The NYA also extends a helping hand to high school graduates who desire to obtain a college education but whose families lack financial means. Forty-one colleges and 786 high schools in Michigan are benefited by the NYA activity.

For colleges the maximum allowance per student is \$20 for undergraduates and \$30 for graduates; averages are \$10.66 and \$15.27 respectively. For high schools the maximum allowance per pupil is \$6 a month; the average is \$4.36.

The new allocation for Michigan will permit 18,000 boys and girls to continue educational studies in Michigan high schools and colleges. Of this number 10,700 students will be in high schools and around 4,300 in colleges.

"Cassidy Lake Tech," as the boys call it, is an interesting experiment in education. It is half junior college and half work camp. Class credits are unknown, although the camp has become an accredited high school district. The director is no pedagog. He is D. L. Miller, former probate court officer in Wayne county.

Last January around 100 boys were at Cassidy Lake. Today there are 178. By October 1 the enrollment will reach 275. In one west Michigan city 600 boys have registered for admittance to this country school at Waterloo. And why not? The jobless boy gets three square meals a day, daily experience at useful work to fit him for a place in the world, and a jolly good time in addition to \$10 "pin-money" a month.

This federal experiment had its beginning in a project of business and professional men of the Ann Arbor Rotary club. The idea, startling as it may seem, was rooted in a practical demand that something should be done for Michigan's unemployed high school graduates.

Croesus' Mines Found Turkey reports the discovery of the gold mines of Croesus, millionaire king of Lydia in the Sixth century B. C. The richest finds are at Sardis, close under the ruins of Sardis, capital of the Lydian empire. Croesus is reputed to have gathered his fabulous wealth from the golden sands of the Pactolus, a stream which flows through Sardis and into the Hermus (Gediz) river. Under Croesus, Lydia grew from a small kingdom to a powerful empire ruling all Asia Minor. The Lydians were supposedly the first people to coin money and to establish a system of currency. Archaeologists have found some of the electrum coins struck off in Croesus' mint. Electrum, a native alloy of gold and silver, was mined on the banks of the Pactolus.

STOCK UP TODAY!

Crawford Avalanche

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City Council Proceedings

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 7th day of August, A. D. 1939, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor George Burke.

Councilmen present: Jenson, Milnes, Roberts, Burke, Sales. Absent: None.

Bids received on distribution system 7:30 p. m.

Killoren Electric Co.—

Item No. 1	\$7,389.15
Item No. 2	2,443.30
Item No. 3	1,308.80
Item No. 4	1,104.50
Item No. 5	615.00
Item No. 6	175.00
Item No. 7	7,422.50
Item No. 8	6,754.00
Item No. 9	140.00
Item No. 10	156.00
Item No. 11	282.05
Item No. 12	4,242.67
Item No. 13	3,892.19
Item No. 14	no bid

\$36,687.16

Bid bond amount of \$2,000.00.

Clifton Engineering Company—

Item No. 1	\$6,508.00
Item No. 2	1,828.00
Item No. 3	945.25
Item No. 4	1,240.00
Item No. 5	438.20
Item No. 6	118.50
Item No. 7	7,766.50
Item No. 8	6,154.00
Item No. 9	110.00
Item No. 10	176.50
Item No. 11	273.25
Item No. 12	4,015.60
Item No. 13	2,374.65
Item No. 14	\$33,148.45

\$33,080.45

Bid bond amount of \$2,000.00.

Hall Electric Company—

Item No. 1	\$6,887.79
Item No. 2	2,169.15
Item No. 3	988.17
Item No. 4	1,208.00
Item No. 5	445.80
Item No. 6	155.00
Item No. 7	8,582.63
Item No. 8	7,174.25
Item No. 9	102.50
Item No. 10	166.45
Item No. 11	233.55
Item No. 12	3,894.60
Item No. 13	2,204.42
Item No. 14	\$34,185.31

\$34,046.72

Bid bond amount of \$2,000.00.

Geo. S. Schugmann—

Item No. 1	\$6,418.89
Item No. 2	1,666.20
Item No. 3	821.35
Item No. 4	1,081.50
Item No. 5	409.30
Item No. 6	116.00
Item No. 7	7,308.44
Item No. 8	7,333.04
Item No. 9	118.80
Item No. 10	202.69
Item No. 11	313.50
Item No. 12	3,828.91
Item No. 13	2,978.54
Item No. 14	\$32,597.16

\$32,027.56

Certified check in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Moved by Burke, supported by

Roberts, that the Grayling State Savings Bank be designated as

the depository bank for the proceeds of the sale of the Grayling Electric Light and Power works bonds.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Burke, Jenson. Nay: None.

After due consideration of the bids the following recommendation was presented to the Council by Mr. Norris of the firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May:

August 7, 1939

City Commission

Grayling, Michigan.

Gentlemen:

We have reviewed the bids received August 7, 1939 for Construction of Municipal Electric Distribution System for the City of Grayling, Michigan and recommend the acceptance of the proposal of George S. Schugmann of Abingdon, Illinois, in the total estimated sum of \$32,027.56 based on using conventional type transformers with necessary lightning arresters and cutouts as specified under Item 8A of Addendum No. 1.

Very truly yours,

Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May.

By Robert Norris.

Moved by Jenson, supported by Milnes, that the following resolution be adopted.

Carried by the following vote:

Yea: Jenson, Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Burke. Nays: None.

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By Fred W. Braun, The Safety Man

little tots just starting to school, many of them unfamiliar with traffic conditions. Keep an extra sharp lookout for these.

Each year automobiles take a toll of child life that is alarming and needless. The schools are doing their part to teach the child care and caution on the streets and it's amazing to see how carefully the children conduct themselves as a result. Motorists can well take a lesson from this training and exercise equal or greater care in driving—especially near schools—and the accident records among school children will take a most gratifying drop!

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grayling, Michigan:

That the Contract for the Construction of Municipal Electric Distribution System, Contract No. 2, be awarded to George S. Schugmann of Abingdon, Illinois at the unit prices submitted by such bidder and in the estimated total sum of \$32,027.56, based on using conventional type transformers with necessary lightning arresters and cutouts as specified under Item 8A of Addendum No. 1.

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign said contract for an on behalf of said City.

ORGANIZE COUNTY TAXPAYERS LEAGUE

(Continued from first page) in its infancy everyone took an interest in what the government did, why they did it, and how they did it. Each unit of government was small enough and local enough to make this type of interest by its citizens possible.

With the tremendous increase in population, the modernization of the country and increase in powers that we have given to our various units of government no single individual is capable of understanding all the ramifications in governmental operations we have in this country today. This situation has not arisen overnight and over the years there has been the distinct trend to "letting George do it."

The result of this policy on our part has led to extravagance, waste, and in general poor business policies on the part of our public officials. We are responsible, for our apathy, when it comes to public affairs, is too well known to cause comment.

Obviously as the powers of government increased and our demands upon government increased, the cost increased. As the totals mounted the loopholes for waste and extravagance increased as well. Cost of government has arisen enormously and in 1937 reached the staggering total of almost \$18,000,000. This sum is equivalent to the entire income of every person west of the Mississippi river plus every dollar of natural wealth in that area.

Here in Michigan our total costs are well over \$11 million equivalent to every dollar of income from the state's 200,000 farms plus each dollar of revenue from the tourist and resort business. Add to this a bonded indebtedness of \$25 million and even a state deficit of 25 million from last year's state operations and it is readily apparent that the situation is one affecting the pocketbook, job and general well-being of every person in the state.

In analyzing the situation it is obvious that there is little that you and I can do about the federal picture and little more that can be done about the state. But gentlemen, there is something that can be done and furthermore is being done about the local situation.

Your very presence here tonight is indicative of your interest in these problems and as a group you have the means at your command of correcting them as they apply specifically to Crawford county.

Through your organization, the Crawford County Taxpayers League, you can study any or all the units of government within the county, obtain the facts, educate your citizens in words of one syllable, and either have your present staff of public officials make the necessary changes or place public officials in office who will do as you suggest. Your local government is created by you... and your public officials are your servants.

Taxpayers Leagues are fundamentally successful in solving the problems of governmental units. There is ample evidence to prove that the local approach is the soundest and most practical. Where citizens have banded together they have gotten results. For example:

I have here some figures that show over a six year period that 5 cities having Taxpayers associations showed a 74 percent decrease in costs while during the same period five comparable cities not having a taxpayers association showed little or no decrease.

In South Bend, Indiana, 12 of the leading citizens seven years ago formed the South Bend Civic Association. Today they have 2,000 members and have brought the city from the brink of bankruptcy to a reduction of the tax rate by 38 percent. During the same period they have reduced the bonded indebtedness of South Bend by 6 million dollars and established a plan of debt retirement that will make the city debt-free by the early 1950's. All of this economy has come without disturbing the essential services of the city and during the same period the city has been able to provide more public improvements than at any time in its history.

Fort Wayne, Indiana inspired by the citizens' efforts in South Bend, four years ago organized a taxpayers group... today they have the lowest tax rate in the history of the community.

St. Louis County, Missouri shaved \$200,000 a year off their operating costs.

Buffalo, New York cut its taxes \$6,000,000.

Amsterdam, New York effected savings that amount to over \$50,000 a year.

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have no sales tax in Nebraska, received of \$17,657.98. During the same four year period the excise tax, service tax, income tax, or luxury tax. All told the savings in property levies and reduction of obligations have amounted to over \$220,000,000 in ten years time.

In New York state in 1938, Governor Lehman asked for an annual budget of \$415,000,000. Concerted action by taxpayers' associations lopped 30 millions from that figure and foisted a state sales tax.

Worcester, Massachusetts eliminated a budget deficit of a million and a half.

Lowell, Massachusetts has the first tax reduction in the history of the city.

Needham costs were cut 13 percent.

And so it goes from almost every corner in the land. When citizens get together they do get results. Now there are no magic wands which we can pass out that at one wave will reduce our costs 25, 50 or 75 percent. It takes effort and work, not by any individuals but by every thinking citizen in the county. If you are willing to work and make an effort your organization can get results.

Now here in Crawford county I have checked into the operations of several units of government... and what I have to say is in no way to be construed as an attack on the public officials in the area. Perhaps the figures which I shall quote have a reasonable explanation and further study might amplify the situation.

I have here the tabulated reports of the operation of the County Poor Fund. These figures were taken from the official proceedings of the board of supervisors.

The table shows:

Bal. on Hand	Credit	Receipts	Total	Spent	Bal. on Hand
\$ 7,649.99	\$2,000	\$1,880.87	\$3,769.72	\$5,390.92	\$ 9,160.64
9,160.64	2,160	1,867.43	5,645.98	6,273.53	11,406.74
11,406.74	4,040	1,195.22	6,171.52	5,236.90	11,408.42
11,408.42	4,000	584.46	6,853.86	5,567.88	12,421.84

Now the interesting fact about this statement is this: The record begins in 1935, evidently this report was not published prior to that time and the first amount entered is a deficit of a little better than \$7,600. The last report of 1938, shows a deficit of well over 12 thousand dollars. The total credited to the account in four years amounts to \$12,160 to which can be added receipts of \$5,497.98 making a total re-

of the scope of a county taxpayers association. I believe that you are entitled to know more about the operations of your local units of government and then when you have the facts educate the other citizens as to just how, when, where and why each tax dollar is being spent.

There is no reason why you can't have efficient and economical government right here in Crawford county. There is no

time to say about it.

It was pointed out Monday night that already there is talk of calling an extra session of the state legislature for the purpose of finding new ways for raising money—by added taxes.

Temporary Chairman Wright hopes that the court house will be packed on the 26th because this is a matter of extreme importance to every taxpayer.

Hartwick Pines Not Open For Hunting

Reported rumor has it that Hartwick Pines State Park will be open for deer hunting this fall. Such is not the truth, as verified by a letter received by Park Superintendent Fred Larke. Just how this rumor became current isn't known to us. Mr. Larke says he is informed that someone read it in some newspaper, but which one he could not say.

As far as we know there had been no intention to open the park for deer hunting, a thing that this newspaper would seriously oppose. There is plenty of wide open wilderness for deer hunting without having to hunt in state parks. Wild game in the latter should have the fullest protection at all times.

W. J. Kingscott, chief of the State Parks division, of the Michigan Department of Conservation, in writing Mr. Larke, says as follows:

August 31, 1939

Mr. Fred Larke, Supt.
Hartwick Pines State Park
Grayling, Michigan

Dear Mr. Larke:

We have your letter of the 29th stating that it is reported that the Hartwick Pines park will be open to deer hunting this fall.

We cannot account for any such story as this because there is nothing to it. All State Parks are automatically game sanctuaries and are closed by law. It is my understanding that they are not subject to opening and closing by the Commission but remain closed at all times.

As long as you maintain your grasp on a non-partisan, non-political, unbaised foundation seeking only the facts and predicating your demands for efficient and economical government on those facts you can achieve the same success that other taxpayers now enjoy.

Report of Crawford County Road Commission Receipts

	1937	1938
Gasoline Refunds	\$1,442.14	\$1,336.14
Weight Tax	41,116.86	45,376.02
Gasoline Tax	5,497.14	5,715.80
McNitt Fund	39,321.23	19,660.62
Equipment	407.05	705.35
Material	39.28	141.38
General Expense	413.72	19.10
Snow Removal Fund		5,441.40
Total Receipts	\$88,217.37	\$75,195.71
Balance on Hand	\$22,660.90	\$19,222.94
Grand Total	\$10,878.36	\$94,418.65

Expenditures

	1937	1938
Equipment	\$24,237.65	\$23,681.57
General Expense	7,680.68	7,507.48
Material	13,158.19	15,328.18
Maintenance	22,816.30	10,981.49
Construction	2,028.10	4,530.72
McNitt Fund	5,320.25	14,411.76
City of Grayling	16,414.25	13,762.24
Total	\$91,655.42	\$90,533.34
Balance on Hand	\$19,222.94	3,885.21

Considerable discussion was had relative to reports that are being published by governing bodies. It was the consensus of opinion that some of the reports failed to supply some of the vital information in which taxpayers are justly interested.

MICKIE SAYS—

YEP WE KNOW THIS HERE NEWSPAPER AINT THE WORLD'S GREATEST ~ BUT NEITHER IS OUR TOWN ~ WE DO THE BEST WE CAN, IN OUR FIELD



Lovells

Glen Gregg and Russell Barber of Kalkaska were callers in Lovells Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bears and son, have returned from Grand Rapids, having visited Mr. Bear's parents.

Mr. Johnson's brother Arnold, has been visiting him from Grand Rapids. While here he met many of his old friends.

A reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kruse, over Labor Day. There were 39 present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cameron and son have been spending a few days with the Horner and Kruse families.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Forbush have been visiting Mr. Eli Forbush of Maple Forest, and sisters of Mrs. Forbush, in Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cameron and son have been visiting with Mrs. Cameron's sister, Mrs. Wm. Woodburn, and family of Maple Forest. They also visited at the homes of the Horners' and Krasers' in Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill visited relatives in Bay City over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Charron are visiting relatives in Midland.

Mr. Lee, our new school superintendent, and his family have moved into the new home just completed by C. S. Barber.

Mr. Ken Triger of Chicago, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Craven.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kruse are visiting relatives in Detroit and Pontiac, and at Manitowoc, Wis.

Mr. John Burke and daughter Oral are visiting in Detroit and Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Morriss have been visiting at the home of E. A. Corsaut.

Mr. and Mrs. Peippo had an auto accident Monday night. They were taken to the hospital, where their injuries were treated and dismissed, except Mrs. Corsaut, who was dismissed the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tobin report a nice trip to Mr. Tobin's home town in Westport, Canada. They also visited many other places of interest.

Dance to real swing music every Saturday night at the Lyric, Higgins Lake Modern and Old Time dances. All beer, wine and lunches, 10c. Gents 35c; Ladies Free.

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